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INCLUSION OF TEXT AND IDENTICAL STATISTICS WAS NOT AN ERROR AS BACKLOGS IN FEB REMAINED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS SUMMER 1973. WESTERN HEMISPHERE VISA NUMBERS BEING RETURNED LARGELY DUE TO INABILITY TO PROCESS DUE UNDERSTAFFING BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF AN AVERAGE OF 250 - 300 OF THE WH IV CASES PROCESSED EACH MONTH ARE REFUSED. AT THE PRESENT TIME, APPROX 1,600 IMMIGRANT CASES ARE BECOMING DOCUMENTARILY QUALIFIED EACH MONTH AND THE EMBASSY IS MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR FINAL VISA INTERVIEW FOR APPROX 1,200 APPLICANTS PER MONTH OR 60 PER DAY. APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE -- CURRENT IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE NO DSL-869S ON HAND FROM APPLICANTS WHOSE PRIORITY DATES HAVE BEEN REACHED AND WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN FINAL APPOINTMENTS. THERE IS NOW A BACKLOG OF THREE WEEKS IN REPLYING TO ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE AND A BACKLOG OF APPROX TEN WEEKS IN THE ADJUDICATION OF FORMS I-550, ALSO APPROX FIVE WEEKS BACKLOG IN REGISTERING NEW LABOR CERTIFICATIONS (PREPARING 499S AND FORWARDING APPLICANT THE APPROPRIATE PACKET.

AS WE ARE ENTERING THE SUMMER RUSH FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISAS, WE ARE FORCED TO REDUCE TO 50 PER DAY, FROM THE MID-JUNE PERIOD ONWARD THROUGH THE SUMMER, THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANT VISA APPOINTMENTS SO THAT IV OFFICERS CAN BE USED TO HELP COPE WITH THE RUSH. LATER, WHEN TDY OFFICER SUMMER-RUSH ASSISTANCE (WHICH IS BEING REQUESTED IN A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION) IS ASSURED, NUMBER OF IV APPOINTMENTS WILL BE INCREASED. TO MAINTAIN PRESENT RATE OF IV APPOINTMENTS

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THROUGH SUMMER NONIMMIGRANT RUSH PERIOD WITHOUT TDY ASSISTANCE

WOULD HAVE SERIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSEQUENCES.
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